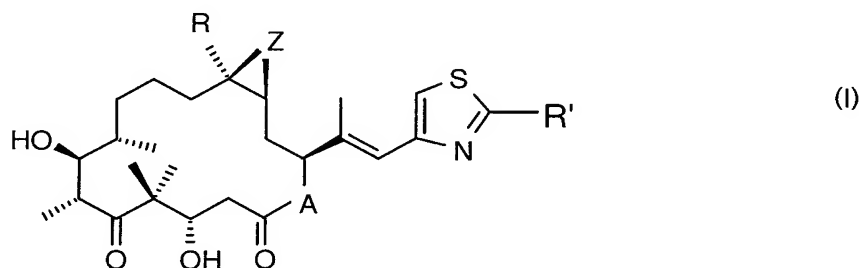


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (original): A combination which comprises (a) an antineoplastic antimetabolite and (b) an epothilone derivative of formula I



wherein A represents O or NR_N, wherein R_N is hydrogen or lower alkyl, R is hydrogen or lower alkyl, R' is methyl, methoxy, ethoxy, amino, methylamino, dimethylamino, aminomethyl or methylthio, and Z is O or a bond,

in which the active ingredients (a) and (b) are present in each case in free form or in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, optionally, at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and/or, optionally, a standard anti-diarrheal; for simultaneous, separate or sequential use.

Claim 2 (original): Combination according to claim 1 comprising an epothilone derivative of formula I wherein A represents O, R is lower alkyl or hydrogen, R' is methyl and Z is O or a bond.

Claim 3 (original): Combination according to claim 1 comprising an epothilone derivative of formula I wherein A represents O, R is lower alkyl or hydrogen, R' is methoxy, ethoxy, amino, methylamino, dimethylamino, aminomethyl or methylthio, and Z is O or a bond.

Claim 4 (previously presented): Combination according to claim 1 which is a combined preparation or a pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 5 (previously presented): Combination according to claim 1 wherein the antineoplastic antimetabolite is selected from 5-fluorouracil, tegafur, gemcitabine and capecitabine.

Claim 6 (original): Combination according to claim 1 wherein the antiproliferatively active ingredients are (a) the antineoplastic antimetabolite gemcitabine and (b) the epothilone derivative of formula I wherein A represents O, R is methyl, R' is methyl and Z is O.

Claim 7 (original): Combination according to claim 1 wherein the antiproliferatively active ingredients are (a) the antineoplastic antimetabolite capecitabine and (b) the epothilone derivative of formula I wherein A represents O, R is methyl, R' is methyl and Z is O.

Claim 8 (previously presented): Method of treating a warm-blooded animal having a proliferative disease comprising administering to the animal a combination according to claim 1 in a quantity which is jointly therapeutically effective against a proliferative disease and in which the compounds can also be present in the form of their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a quantity which is jointly therapeutically effective against a proliferative disease of a pharmaceutical combination according to claim 1 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 10-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (new): A method of treating a proliferative disease, which comprises administering to a patient an therapeutically effective amount of a combination according to claim 1.